

SOCIETY

Miss Gladys Van Ness
Phone 517

subscriber writes in: "Polls and the market fluctuations on products have no place in the Column. Either discontinue continuous and tiresome columns on the achievements of the Hon. Jeanette Rankin; the price of Beans and Irish Potatoes, or my paper." What would you do?

JOHN ROBERTSON, of Chicago, is very much elated; his Diet having gained twenty pounds he began feeding them on a day ration. The Doctor added. It is knowing where their meal is coming from and not they eat, that is making him corpulent.

ADD GASTON: "It is Buck Kilgallon that a man loses much love for the common people having spent a night with them chair car."

Quite a few gentlemen have agreed me with being "personal" saying last week that a Mexico paid \$6.00 to an Automobile "Outfit" of Chicago for a leasing privilege. I am now convinced that the party who once said, "there is one born every minute," was approximately correct.

One particular at least, our burg all near cities of this immediate. There is not a man in Mexico who boasts his ability to mix a dressing.

HIS HOPE. The plain, that women's progress there's no stopping, day by day a larger place she fills, one day we men will do the shopping, and women will (we hope so) pay the bills."

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Zephyr did make that many more than I've ever baked from a single sack of any other flour. I counted every baking to see.

The grocer was right. Zephyr is worth more than his other kinds. For those four loaves makes Zephyr the most economical flour we can buy. It gives us 40c more bread per sack.

It is easy to get several more loaves from each sack of **ZEPHYR FLOUR** because its high gluten content gives it great absorptive qualities—makes it greedy for sponge. You use less flour, more water and stronger yeast. Isn't it worth while trying just one sack of Zephyr to prove this for yourself?

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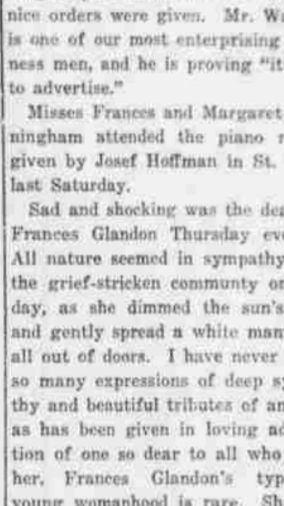
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10, 20, 30 and 40 Years Ago This Week

10 YEARS AGO.
J. C. King purchased the interest of Captain Green in the firm of King & Green.

The line of the American Telephone Company, which was being built across the continent, reached Mexico and a force of sixty men were here working on the line, which passed south of the city.

An organization to procure better roads was organized in Mexico with Mayor E. D. Graham, chairman, and Walker Pollock, secretary. A big meeting for the latter part of December was planned and the following committee appointed to prepare for it:

Arrangements: George Robertson, R. P. Emmons, and J. T. Johnson. Advertising: E. M. White, John Beal and C. M. Baskett.

Programme: John T. Bickette, J. B. Graham, and Alex Carter. Invitation: C. F. Clark, Judge Sims, Walter Barth and E. H. Carr.

20 YEARS AGO.
Herbert J. N. Stephens entertained the following at an afternoon supper: Joe Boyd, J. T. Johnson, Loh Crigler, Harry Atchison, Sam Evans and E. M. White.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Eastman, of this city, attended the funeral of their daughter, Mrs. Owens, in Moberly.

Thomas J. Hubbard, 74 years old, died at his home near Santa Fe.

Mrs. James B. Clark, 62 years old, died at her home in Rock Hill.

Miss Eliza Reed, Missionary to Brazil, visited B. L. Locke and family.

Reuben Brown and Miss Alice Monum were married at the residence of Joel Monum.

30 YEARS AGO.
Mr. Harvey C. Smith sold his insurance business to Kilgore & Howell.

Frank Wilsey, a well known resident of Audrain county, died suddenly from paralysis.

The committee for looking after the needs of Mexico's poor was Mesdames Josiah Wright, G. B. Macfarlane, John R. Bragg, Dr. McWilliams and E. M. White.

Mrs. M. Wellman, 77 years old, died at the home of C. A. Keton.

Mrs. F. Doolin, of Mexico, died and was buried at Rock Hill church.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Keith died.

40 YEARS AGO.
Eugene Jones and Miss Sallie Hall were married by Elder Hardin.

R. D. Shannon, of Jefferson City, was State Superintendent of Public Schools.

A. B. Toliver was building a new store house at Farber.

Captain Dan McIntyre was County Representative.

A Message of Love
affection, good will, or friendship, is conveyed best in a book. Why not give Books for Christmas? Nothing else is nearly so ideal. Our new holiday stock is rich in suggestions. We'll gladly help you make an appropriate selection. J. H. Sallee, The Bookman.

Willson to Visit Missouri?
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8. — President Willson is seriously considering making a trip West next spring.

When invited yesterday by Speaker Clark to speak before the School of Journalism of Missouri University, in May, 1917, the President said that if possible he would like to visit the West after Congress adjourned in March, and that if he did so he would accept the invitation.

LEAVES FOR TOLEDO
J. N. Bailey and Son Attending Big Overland Meeting.

I. N. Bailey and Son, Earl, left Saturday for Toledo, to attend the Overland dealers' convention. This convention is given for Overland dealers and their bankers. W. W. Pollock was to be one of the party, but was unable to attend because of the death of his niece, Miss Glandon.

This is one of the greatest events ever pulled off by any manufacturer. Over 6,000 dealers, from every state in the union, with their bankers, will attend. This immense force, the largest in the world, covers 103 acres of ground and works 18,000 men, turning out 1,000 high class automobiles per day.

Elected as Sheriff.
William Mills, nephew of W. E. West, of this city, was elected Sheriff of Woodson county, Kansas, at the recent election. Mr. Mills ran on the Democratic ticket in a Republican county. He was born in this county and attended McMillan High School from '91 to '93. He has many friends in this city.

The Rev. O. L. Byrns, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Festus, Mo., who has been in Chicago for several weeks taking some special course in the Moody Bible Institute, was in Mexico Tuesday visiting his invalid mother, Mrs. Ida Byrns. He left for Windsor, Mo., Wednesday morning, where he will join his wife and daughter, who have been the guests of Mrs. Byrns' parents, during his absence.

What Shall I Give for Christmas?
Isn't the answer to your problem — A BOOK? What is there, other than Books, that makes so complete and satisfying, and yet so inexpensive, a gift? Furthermore, this is particularly a BOOK Christmas. J. H. Sallee, The Bookman.

In Charge of Local Office.
Herbert Taylor, a former Mexico boy, is now manager of the Wells Fargo Express office in this city. Mr. Taylor has many friends in this city who join the Ledger in extending him a warm welcome home.

Nut Cake

is simply delicious when made with

KG BAKING POWDER

Pure—Healthful—Economical

The highest grade of baking powder possible to buy and your money refunded if it fails to satisfy. Ask your dealer.

Jacques Mfg. Co., Chicago

FULTON PLANS CO-OPERATIVE PRODUCE HOUSE

A movement to establish a co-operative produce house with the merchants of Fulton as co-operators, is being promoted by the Commercial Club of that city. Such a plan has been discussed here for some time, but nothing definite has been accomplished. The plan is a splendid one, and it is a well-known fact that better prices are being paid in several markets (where there are no co-ops) at present in this town.

"The produce house would enable Fulton merchants to combine their purchases and in that way get in touch with eastern concerns who buy in great lots. An experienced man will be placed in charge of the establishment and he will be paid a salary as manager."

"Wellsville and Leavenworth and several other smaller towns of this section of the State have built up a great produce business and draw trade for miles around. The Wellsville house has established a large trade in Callaway. It is believed that a large per cent of this trade can be regained by Fulton if competing prices are offered and moreover it is believed the increased prices will be the incentive for the produce end of the farm so that it eventually will mean much more business for Fulton."

FATHER FORGIVES ELOPERS.

According to a story in the St. Louis Republic, Saturday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Addis, who eloped from this city Friday, were met by Mr. Piner, of Denton, Texas, father of the bride, Friday afternoon, and happily forgiven. They have returned home with him where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Business is Attached.
The business property of W. F. Atkinson was attached Wednesday night as a result of a suit brought against him by William Kemper for rent. Mr. Atkinson went to St. Louis about a week ago. He is at present thought to be in Texas and is expected home in the next day or so.

Cough Medicine for Children.

Mrs. Hugh Cook, Scottville, N. Y., says: "About five years ago when we were living in Garbath, N. Y., I doctor two of my children suffering from colds with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and found it just as represented in every way. It promptly checked their coughing and cured their colds quicker than anything I ever used." Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

Stockings to Be Shorter or Costlier.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7. — Whether to make them substantially shorter or to add another 50 per cent to the cost of stockings was debated by members of the National Association of Hosiery Manufacturers here yesterday. The cost of hosiery has advanced 25 per cent recently, according to Secretary Carter.

Nervous Women.

When the nervousness is caused by constipation, as is often the case, you will get quick relief by taking Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets also improve the digestion. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

FOUR LARGE CITIES GO DRY.

BOSTON, Dec. 7. — No license or "dry" forces gained four new successes in the elections held in 15 Massachusetts cities yesterday. Fall River, Haverhill, Leominster and Taunton shifted from the wet to the dry column. The license advocates were not successful in effecting any changes. Brockton, Salem, Cambridge and Waltham remaining dry.

New Bedford, while keeping to the wet column, did so by a greatly reduced margin, 3239 last year to 496 this year. Fall River has a population of 120,000, Haverhill 45,000, Leominster 17,500 and Taunton 34,300.

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G. C. Brown, assistant trainmaster of the Western Division of the Chicago and Alton, was up from Slater Friday.

Losses for Mayor to His Wife.

UMATILLA, Ore., Dec. 7. — Official announcement was made yesterday that Mrs. E. E. Stacker was elected mayor of Umatilla yesterday, defeating her husband for re-election. Women were elected also to all other offices in the municipal government, including four Council seats, Recorder and City Treasurer.

A Gift for Everyone.

If you cannot find a book suited to your requirements here, tell us. We will gladly suggest something. J. H. Sallee, The Bookman.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Blum and Mrs. Marie Marshall are home from a visit in Fulton.

Hon. C. G. Daniel of Vandalia, was in Mexico on business today.

SHOES \$20.00 A PAIR?

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 6. — At a conference of shoe manufacturers and retailers today called to demand a Congressional inquiry of the shortage and high cost of leather, it was announced that leather had advanced 15 cents a foot since a week ago today.

Similar advances within the next few weeks would compel retailers to charge \$20 a pair for shoes now selling at half that price, it was stated.

In resolutions to be sent to Washington it will be stated that five years ago most of the shoes made in New England were retailed at \$3 to \$5 a pair for medium grades for men and from \$6 to \$10 a pair for women. Roughly speaking, prices of shoes have doubled during the last five years, the sharpest advances being since the war.

With an embargo placed on leather exports, those at the conference today declared prices would return to normal.

Manufacturers must soon run on half time, says a statement by Albert M. Creighton, President of the Lynn Shoe Manufacturers Association. End of the war or an embargo can alone relieve the situation, he declares.

C. S. Pearson, formerly of Mexico, left for his home in Pueblo, Colo., on Thursday, after a pleasant visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pearson.

The Lure of California and the Favored Way

California—the land of bluest skies and sun-kissed waters, California—the land of flowers, where summer seems eternal, California—the coastal gem of the Pacific—awaits you with open arms. Reach her via the

"Golden State Limited"

"Californian"—superb limited trains, whose steel cars fly direct over the most comfortable route of lowest altitudes, through scenes of thrilling interest.

No quicker time—no better service via any route to Southern California.

Only two days enroute Kansas City to Los Angeles—Route of the United States Mail—no extra fare.

Tickets, reservations and California literature on request.

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VOLUNTARY MILITARY DRILL BEGINS AT MCM. FRIDAY

Will Drill From 8:30 to 9:30—About Eighty Boys Take Part in First Morning's Drill.

J. C. STOT IS IN CHARGE

Drill is Result of Petition Presented to Faculty by Students Asking for Voluntary Work.

"Keep your hands down," "stand up straight," "keep your head and eyes to the front," are some of the commands which will greet the new McMillan recruits each morning hereafter, for McMillan will have military practice.

The drill, which is purely voluntary, will last from 8:30 to 9:30 each morning. This innovation comes as a result of a petition, signed by more than eighty of the McMillan boys, which was presented to the faculty asking for voluntary drill.

More than eighty boys lined up on Love street Friday morning for their first drill, and despite the fact that most of them were "raw recruits," and the weather was such as to make the unglad hand seek the warmth of the pocket (a forbidden act during drill) they made a fine appearance.

The work will be in charge of J. C. Stot, former instructor in the Missouri Military Academy. He will be assisted by E. E. Rich and Mr. Shultz.

The work will be purely voluntary and consists of calisthenic and marching exercises. No arms will be provided and the work will not be connected with the military training for High Schools which was recently proposed by the Government.

Mr. Stot has had experience in military drill supervision at the Academy and will be able to make real soldiers out of those interested in the work.

At These Times
you may not want to spend much more for presents, but you do want to send something worth while to your friends. Why not send a book, one of the most attractive and satisfactory of presents, yet costing very little? Call and see the New Holiday Books.

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BRYAN TALKS PROHIBITION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7. — William Jennings Bryan, at a dinner given in his honor last night at the Hotel Lafayette by several hundred Democrats, many of them of national prominence, formally advocated the adoption of National prohibition as a national issue by the Democratic party.

"The Democratic party is the party of the people," Mr. Bryan said, "and the home is the people's citadel. The fight against the saloon is a fight for the home and for humanity. The Democratic party, therefore, cannot hesitate to choose the home against the greatest enemy that has arisen to menace it."

HIGH PAPER CAUSES FAILURE.

MAON, Mo., Dec. 7. — Charles W. Shelton, of Macon, has been appointed receiver of the Macon Times-Democrat, the oldest paper in the county. The Irwin Paper Company of Quincy, Ill., and the Home Coal Company of Macon are among the creditors.

C. N. Tolman, manager of the paper, said the assets were more than sufficient to meet liabilities, but that "the paper had not been making any money on account of conditions, especially that left by a contest, as more than three thousand subscribers paid in advance, and the ever increasing cost of white paper made the fulfillment of these contracts an expense which the receipts were inadequate to meet."

The paper will be continued under the direction of the receiver.

EAGLES ELECT OFFICERS

About twenty couples attended the leap year dance given by the members of the Eagle Lodge at their hall in the old post office building on the corner of Promenade and Washington streets Thursday night.

The annual